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SOME GOOD ADVICE.

A little pamphlet issued at the public expense by the National Service Board of Canada contains a lot of advice which the government itself might do well to heed. The pamphlet wants to know if the people at home are doing their proper share to help win the war. It says in part:

"To and fro we go about our business. We pay our easy taxes, and subscribe to our so-called patriotic loan, so issued that the hungriest money-lender in New York is glad to clamor for a share in it."

In view of what this pamphlet has to say about easy taxes and the so-called patriotic loans, it is to be hoped that Hon. R. B. Bennett, who is head of the government board which has published it, has sent a copy of it to Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance. For it also says:

"Every cent of the money that can be gathered up by national thrift should be absorbed by national taxes and national loans. Our present taxes are, for war time, ridiculously low as far as all people of comfortable, or even decent means are concerned. And they are made with one eye on the supposed benefit of industry."

What we need, according to this official publication, is "a blast of taxation." Some have objected that the Star has gone too far, but we have never gone as far as this—we have never urged that the country needs a blast of taxation. Here, too, we read: "Over and above the taxes we need a succession of patriotic loans, not money lenders' loans at market and super-market rates, but patriotic loans in the real sense, at a low rate of interest, let us say four per cent., and issued in bonds of twenty-five dollars with a dollar a year as interest."

It has been suggested that a copy of the pamphlet should be sent to the Finance Minister of Canada on the subject of thrift. The pamphlet says:

"But first let the government—the dominions, the provinces, the cities and the towns—itsself begin the campaign of thrift. At present vast sums of money are being wasted in so-called public works, railways in the wilderness, cement sidewalks in the streets, post offices in the towns—millions and millions that drain away our economic strength. In time of peace these are excellent. For war, unless they have a war purpose, these things are worse than useless."

Nothing that has been said about the failure of the country as a whole to meet the war needs of these times compares at all in vigor with the denunciations that appear in this pamphlet issued by a government board. In and through all that is taking place, "moves smug hypocrisy, suggesting the little words and phrases that are to save the soul; teaching the manufacturer to call himself a patriot as he pockets his private gains, and to shout for trade, more trade, that he may cram his pockets fuller; teaching the farmer that his own fat, easy industry is war itself, and that he may count his fatted cattle in the light of his stable lantern and go to bed a patriot; teaching all the drones and parasites, the lawyers, the professors, the chefs and the piano players, the actors and the buffoons, that in going on with their business they are aiding in the conduct of the war."

This, in a pamphlet circulated by the government, is putting it so strongly, that one must expect the government to hesitate at no sort of measure that will improve matters. Accompanying the pamphlet, however, is a letter urging the recipient to go out and help on a farm—help a farmer presumably by holding the stable lantern while he counts his fatted cattle before retiring to a patriot's rest.

Either the government is about to take more energetic measures than it has ever been induced to promise publicly, or it is circulating pamphlets that arouse great expectations in that direction. There is a fervor in this pamphlet, an impatience with present conditions, and with governmental performance up to this time, which we wish we could feel possessed the souls and warmed the minds of the Premier and his ministry.

The Canadian Northern Railway has a strong friend at court in the person

of Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance. He is determined that a controlling interest in the company's stock shall be unloaded upon the country at a good figure. The Canadian Northern magnates knew what they were about when they worked to put the present government in power in 1911.

Cincinnati Times-Star: It was possible for England to talk about her "far-flung battle line" twenty years ago, when Kipling wrote the "Recessional." But what about that line today? England has two million men in France; her navy has controlled the sea since the outbreak of the war. There is a British expedition in Mesopotamia and a British expeditionary force at Saloniki. British monitors and British artillery are operating with the Italians near Trieste and British armored cars are supporting the Russian armies on the Eastern front. The plaint that "England has done nothing in this war" has about died away—and with good cause.

The Neepawa, Man., Press, says: "It was Laurier and his Quebec following who prevented" Sir Charles Tupper's bill from restoring separate schools in Manitoba, it was Laurier and his following who liberated Western Canada from C. P. R. monopoly; gave us the loading platforms and many other progressive measures, and the failure of Laurier to give the country a greater measure of tariff reduction was due to restraint from protectionist Liberals of Ontario—not to Quebec influence."

A return brought down in the House of Commons shows that there are 227 military officers performing staff duties in the Maritime Provinces, the pay of whom aggregates \$400,000 a year. Their pay ranges from \$1,000 to \$6,000 per year. There would seem to be a good chance here for war-time economy.

It now seems that Mr. W. S. Fisher, resigned from the Valley Railway Board because he was opposed to proceeding with the construction work during the war. The reason why Mr. Irving Todd resigned the presidency has not yet been disclosed.

Through Our Sieve

There are still some stout ladies who shy at Fredericton's bathing beach.

Note the scarcity of Libs in the bunch of deputy returning officers for the Scott Act election.

Anybody can get married, but getting mated is a gift.

Marrying a man to reform him is pouring oil on troubled fires.

An ideal is something like a man's ideas of hot weather in winter.

Happy the man who can go out into his garden and flirt with a blushing tomato.

Another good thing accomplished by the war is the restoration of economy to the category of virtues.

An optimist is a man who never thinks he needs to carry an extra tire when he goes out with the old car.

It is possible to take so much thought for tomorrow that one may accumulate tomorrow's wrinkles today.

Bar silver is quoted at 81½ cents, a record price. Producers of that metal will now be glad to furnish linings for all the war clouds—at market rates.

MAJOR McDOWELL V. C. AND D. S. O.

Quebec, Aug. 14.—After a few years' absence from Canada during which time he was promoted from private to major, all the while fighting the Germans, Major T. W. McDowell returned to his native land yesterday afternoon, arriving here on a Canadian Pacific ocean liner from a British port. He is the proud possessor of the Victoria Cross, the most prized of valor medals awarded in the British army, and the Distinguished Service Order. Major McDowell, whose home is in Brockville, Ont., went overseas with the 35th Battalion and is still attached to that regiment, which he will rejoin after his furlough in Canada.

Big Tomato Crop. Market gardeners of Manguerville announce that the tomato crop this season promises well. Daily shipments of the ripe fruit are now being made by boat to St. John. The retail price is from 15 to 17 cents a pound. A large quantity of cucumbers and cabbages are also being shipped from Manguerville.

NATIONALISTS LIKELY TO RUN CANDIDATES

(Montreal Star.)

In information from different counties of the Montreal district secured by Liberal headquarters here is to the effect that the Liberal candidates will be opposed in most of the ridings by candidates who will call themselves "independents," but who will be in reality Nationalists, and who will have the support of Henri Bourassa and his paper Le Devoir. Like the Nationalists of 1911, these candidates would oppose both Borden and Laurier, and would advocate an immediate cessation of Canada's participation in the war, on the strength that this country has done its share and that any further continuation would be tantamount to bankruptcy. They would also bind themselves, if elected, to vote for the repeal of the Conscription bill.

The first intimation of this policy, it was stated, came to the knowledge of the Liberals following an article published last Saturday in Le Devoir and signed by Mr. Bourassa himself. At the St. Jerome meeting, which was held in the afternoon, Athanase David, M. L. A., for Terrebonne county, made the statement that the candidature of an "independent" was likely in Terrebonne. It was also rumored that the "independent" candidate in view was Sorelle Laviolette, ex-mayor of St. Jerome, a Nationalist and a relative of Mr. Bourassa.

The same move, it is stated, will be tried in Berthier, where L. A. Barette, elected in 1911 as a Nationalist, but who has since voted with the government, except on the conscription issue, would present himself as an "independent," pledging himself as opposed to the Laurier policy for a referendum, and in favor of repealing of the Conscription bill.

FINANCES OF QUEBEC ARE IN GOOD CONDITION

Quebec, Aug. 15.—Hon. W. G. Mitchell, provincial treasurer, announced this afternoon at the government offices that the ordinary receipts of the province for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 1917, amounted to \$10,441,113.71 and that ordinary and extraordinary expenditure for the same period amounted to \$9,907,673.10, so that the surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary and extraordinary expenditure last year is \$533,440.61, out of which was paid the sum of \$375,000, being the payments made by the government of the province to the Canadian Patriotic Fund during the year on account of a subscription of \$1,000,000 by the province authorized at the last session of the Legislature, leaving a surplus over and above all ordinary and extraordinary expenditure and payments on account of the Canadian Patriotic Fund of \$158,440.61.

Motoring Parties in City. Mrs. E. D. Porter, Miss F. R. Porter, Miss M. S. Smart and John Good, of Camden, Maine, who arrived by motor, were at the Queen yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Sinclair and R. Murray Sinclair, of St. John, also arrived by motor yesterday and registered at the Queen.

STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK	
Beet Sugar.....	93
C. P. R.....	161
Crucible steel.....	81
Erie.....	24
Erie 1st pfd.....	39 1-2
Marine Pfd.....	89
Union Pac.....	137
U. S. Steel.....	124
Air Brake.....	179
Kenn.....	43
Marine Com.....	34
Reading.....	94
Rubber.....	58 3/4
Studebaker.....	52
Bethlehem.....	141
Wool.....	47 1/2
MONTREAL	
Civic.....	75
Detroit.....	110
Quebec.....	21
Toronto.....	75 1/2
Braz.....	44
Cement.....	61
Iron.....	62
Steel Co.....	58
Spanish.....	14 1/2
Shaw.....	122
Laur. Pulp.....	185
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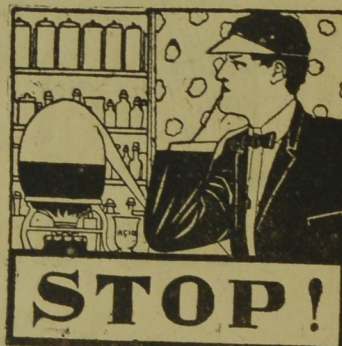
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